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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the present

application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) Iron- and vitamin-enriched rice or barley, characterized in that

wherein rice grains or barley grains are coated with an emulsifying agent-coated iron salt

composition and vitamins, and further coated with a mixture of a hydrogenated oil and a

polyglycerol fatty acid ester.

2. (Currently Amended) Iron-enriched rice or barley, characterized in that wherein rice

grains or barley grains are coated with a mixture comprising an iron salt, a hydrogenated oil and

a polyglycerol fatty acid ester.

3. (Currently Amended) Iron- and vitamin-enriched rice or barley, characterized in that

wherein rice grains or barley grains are coated with a mixture comprising an emulsifying agent-

coated iron salt composition, vitamins, a hydrogenated oil and a polyglycerol fatty acid ester.

4. (Currently Amended) The enriched rice or barley according to any one of claims 1 to

3. characterized in that claim 1, wherein the iron salt has an average particle diameter of 2 µm or

less.

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5. (New) The enriched rice or barley according to claim 2, wherein the iron salt has an

average particle diameter of 2 um or less.

6. (New) The enriched rice or barley according to claim 3, wherein the iron salt has an

average particle diameter of 2 um or less.

7. (New) The enriched rice or barley according to claim 1, wherein the emulsifying agent

is at least one selected from the group consisting of a sucrose fatty acid ester, a glycerol fatty

acid ester, a propylene glycol fatty acid ester, a sorbitan fatty acid ester and an enzymatically

decomposed lecithin.

8. (New) The enriched rice or barley according to claim 3, wherein the emulsifying agent

is at least one selected from the group consisting of a sucrose fatty acid ester, a glycerol fatty

acid ester, a propylene glycol fatty acid ester, a sorbitan fatty acid ester and an enzymatically

decomposed lecithin.

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